

# **Town of Brooklyn Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center**

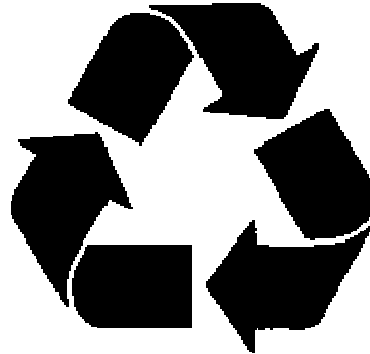
**N8790 Benson Road**

Our recycling center has been in operation for many years, and although it has served us reasonably well, the Town Board felt it could be improved. In June 2007 the Board appointed a citizen committee to explore options. The committee worked through the summer and its report was presented to the Board in October. Many of the committee recommendations are already in the works or planned for 2008 implementation.

## **Featuring**

- Improved customer service
- Better information on recycling
- Better signs
- Better traffic flow (no need to turn around and back up)
- Large dumpster added for oversized items and overflow
- Same reasonable disposal fees
- Same simple “single stream” recycling system (only need to separate aluminum cans)
- Same hours:  
    Winter: Saturday 9AM – 4 PM  
    Summer: Saturday 9AM – 2 PM  
    Tuesday 6 PM – 8 PM

## **Brooklyn**



## **Recycles!**

Information provided with this mailing is just the start. A comprehensive information packet is being drafted and will be available upon request (at the Recycling Center and Town Hall). A “welcome” packet will be provided to all town newcomers so they know the range of services provided here in Brooklyn.

Copies of the committee report are available at the town hall. The Town Board has created a three person standing committee to implement the recommendations and help oversee center operations. Any comments or questions can be directed to committee members:

### **Committee members:**

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# **Town of Brooklyn Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center Prohibited Materials and How to Dispose of Them**

**Adopted for Brooklyn from Pellitteri flyer. November 2007**

Certain materials are banned from landfilling for many different reasons. The obvious reason is the toxicity of the material. Chemicals, and hazardous and toxic waste require special disposal methods to prevent environmental damage. Some materials may not be toxic, but are prohibited due to handling problems. Recyclable items are prohibited to encourage recycling and preservation of raw materials.

Whatever the reason, prohibited items require special handling and alternative disposal. The County

and State may enforce these prohibitions with stiff fines and penalties.

Generally, there are alternative disposal methods for these items and compliance is not difficult. They do, however, often require special handling or separation in order to be disposed of properly.

This guide is for your general use, based on current conditions that are apt to change without warning. Please check with the transfer station staff or Recycling Center Committee if you have questions regarding proper disposal of these materials.

## **Banned Material – Alternative Disposal**

It is best to use materials as they are intended. If you wish to dispose of material before it has been used up, you may be able to dispose of it where you purchased it (often at a cost, used tires at a tire store, for instance).

**Hazardous Materials  
(commercial and industrial)**

These materials are prohibited from landfills with stiff fines for non-compliance. It is the generator's responsibility to determine if the waste is hazardous or not. A material is either listed hazardous waste (on a published list) or it is a material that exhibits one or more of the four hazardous waste characteristics (ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity). If you think you have a hazardous waste, call the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office (275-3208).

**Asbestos & Asbestos  
Containing Materials**

We recommend you contact Pellitteri directly at 257-4285 for special handling instructions, disposal regulations and current disposal rates for asbestos and asbestos containing materials. Asbestos is prohibited unless handled correctly.

**Brush, Leaves & Grass**

Brush, leaves, grass and other compostable materials are not currently handled at the Brooklyn Recycling Center. Residents are encouraged to compost these materials on their own property. Instructions for composting are widely available.

**Liquids, Household Latex  
and Water-based Paints**

Liquids in general are prohibited. Liquids should be used up as they were intended. Household latex and/or water based paints must be dry and must have the lids removed. If they are dry and have no lids they can be mixed in with trash. If not dry, watch for Clean Sweep opportunities. The Town of Brooklyn is working with Green County to arrange for a Clean Sweep event in the future.. If other questions, contact a committee member, Green County Recycling coordinator Jim Hunkins (608/897-8605) or Pellitteri (608/257-4285).

**Appliances**

Don't remove freon yourself! Refrigerators and air conditioners are accepted at the Recycling Center (stored separately) for a fee. Stoves and washing machines accepted without fee (also stored separately). Microwaves and TVs are currently accepted in the trash dumpster for a fee.

Oil and Lead-based Paint,  
Paint Thinners, Pesticides

Liquids of any kind are prohibited in landfills. Empty paint cans or cans with dried paint can go to the landfill. Old paint (liquid) and lead-based paint (liquid or dried), thinners and hazardous materials should be handled through a Clean Sweep event. Never dump even small amounts of these paints or solvents into trash containers or on the land as it takes only very small amounts of these chemicals to cause a contamination problem. If you have questions regarding any of these materials, please contact any of the parties listed above.

Fluorescent & Incandescent  
Light Bulbs and Ballasts

It is important to handle fluorescent and incandescent bulbs properly as they contain mercury, lead and other materials harmful if released to the environment. If shopping in Madison, return old bulbs to the stores that sell them (they are required to recycle old bulbs). Others take bulbs/ballasts for a fee, such as PKK Lighting (608/836-7821).

Computers and Monitors

Computers, monitors and other electronic equipment have been banned from landfills because of hazardous components inside them. Cascade Asset Management LLC (608/271-6181) recovers these items for a fee (examples: Computer CPU \$10, Monitors \$10, Televisions \$15, many other items will be accepted with no fees). Check their web page for more details at [www.cascade-assets.com](http://www.cascade-assets.com).

Office Paper and Cardboard

Paper and cardboard are banned from landfills in large quantities. These materials can be placed in the recycling dumpsters at the Brooklyn Recycling Center. Please flatten all boxes. Pellitteri offers a data destruction service and can shred confidential papers on site for a fee. The Brooklyn Recycling Committee is arranging for "Shredder Days" where a shredder will be available at a centralized location. Time and place will be announced in the future.

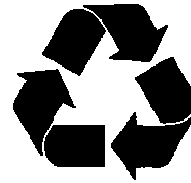
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## What to Recycle?

(Place these materials in the recycling dumpsters)

### **Recycle Paper Including:**

- Cardboard
- Catalogs
- Cereal and Cracker Boxes
- Computer Paper
- Envelopes
- Juice boxes and other aseptic packages
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Office Paper
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Paper Milk and Juice Cartons
- Phone Books



### **Recycle Plastic Including:**

- All Plastic Bottles (no motor oils)
- Plastic containers (number 1 thru 7)

### Except **Don't Recycle** these plastics:

- Deli Containers
- Frozen Food Containers
- Microwave Dinner Plates
- Plastic Bags (see below)
- Plastic Film, Wrap, or STYROFOAM

### **RECYCLE:**

- **Aluminum Cans** (please separate these and place in special barrels)
- **Glass Bottles and Jars – All Colors**
- **Tin/Steel Cans, Aluminum Pie Plates**
- **Empty Aerosol Cans**

### **Other recycling tips:**

- **Flatten all cardboard boxes, cereal boxes and other large items**
- **Plastic bags can be recycled at many grocery stores such as Bills Food Store in Oregon**

### **Help keep the Town of Brooklyn Recycling Center Clean**

Bundle newspaper & keep loose materials from blowing around.

Be sure to place your waste and recyclables in proper dumpsters.

Any questions or suggestions are welcome!

***Thank You for Recycling!***